the apprehending and suppressing of \agrant persons and the begging poor

It is proposed that precise and strait charge shall be given to every several ward that watch and ward be continued from 9 or 10 of the clock at night till 6 in the morning, and the day watch to begin when the night watch giveth over, and to give over again when the night watch begmneth For the better furnishing and executing of these watches the constable shall be compelled to execute his office not by deputy but in his own person, as the execution thereof by deputy constables is thought to be an occasion of great negligence and abuse in this service

The watches shall make continual searches at times convenient in all victualling houses, tippling cellars and other places likely to entertain idle and suspicious persons, men, women and children Those that shall be found not able to give an account of some dwelling-place and honest faculty to live by but shall appear to be vagabonds, rogues and idle beggars, having able bodies, them shall the watch commit to Bridewell, there to be kept till the morning following, what time the constables with other honest persons of the same watch shall resort thither, there to charge them before those who are farther authorized to proceed against them for their lawful punishment

The Lord Mayor, sheriffs or justices of the peace shall come to Bridewell or other place appointed where the vagabonds shall be brought before them, for the law doth require the presence of some of them at the least at the convicting of such persons There shall they determine for their enlargement or punishing or both, and that shall be done in as

short a time as possibly may be for the easing of the place whither they shall be committed and of the charges that they shall otherwise be put to by the restraining of them

For the better and more speedy avoiding of such vagabonds present consideration shall be had of some bodily labour to set them on work, as by beating of hemp, scouring the town ditches, abating the shelves in the nver Thames, or such other, wherein no detriment can be done by them, in case they should demean themselves wilfully or negligently, which otherwise in matter of art they might and are likely to do The young ones that